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In re Application of
Paul E. Burton
Serial No.: 09/515,428
Filed: February 29, 2000
Attorney Docket No.: 2000B010

: WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed February 15, 2002, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above identified application. The delay in responding to this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed a Notice of Missing Parts to applicant on May 4, 2000, setting a two month period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicant on December 4, 2001. Applicant states that the missing parts were submitted to the Office on June 14, 2000, and received on June 19, 2000, as evidenced by the Office date stamped return postcard. These original papers have NOW been located and placed in the file. It is noted that the cover sheet contains an incorrect serial number which caused the papers to be misdirected. In view the timely reply the Notice of Abandonment mailed December 4, 2001, is considered to have been mailed in error and is hereby withdrawn.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to OIPE for processing prior to being assigned to an examiner.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

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